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a selective non-catalytic reducing compound placed within said gas generator in heterogeneous relation to said gas generant composition, wherein said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium salts, amides, imides, and amine-containing compounds.

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21. (new) A vehicle occupant restraint system comprising:
- an inflatable air bag;
 - a gas generator for inflating said air bag;
 - a nitrogen-containing gas generant composition within said gas generator;
 - a selective non-catalytic reducing compound placed within said gas generator in heterogeneous relation to said gas generant composition, wherein said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium salts and amine-containing compounds.
22. (new) The vehicle occupant restraint system of claim 21 wherein said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is ammonium sulfate.
23. (new) A vehicle occupant restraint system comprising:
- an inflatable air bag;
 - a gas generator for inflating said air bag;
 - a gas generant composition within said gas generator;
 - a selective non-catalytic reducing compound placed within said gas generator in heterogeneous relation to said gas generant composition, wherein said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium

salts and amine-containing compounds.

24. (new) The vehicle occupant restraint system of claim 23 wherein the gas generant composition is a nonazide gas generant composition and said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is ammonium sulfate.

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25. (new) A vehicle occupant restraint system comprising:
an inflatable air bag;
a gas generator for inflating said air bag;
a gas generant composition within said gas generator;
a selective non-catalytic reducing compound proximate to, separate from, and interspersed about the gas generant composition within said gas generator, wherein said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium salts and amine-containing compounds.

26. (new) The vehicle occupant restraint system of claim 25 wherein the gas generant composition is a nonazide gas generant composition and the selective non-catalytic reducing compound is ammonium sulfate.

27. (new) A vehicle occupant restraint system comprising:
an inflatable air bag;
a gas generator for inflating said air bag;
a gas generant composition within said gas generator;
a selective non-catalytic reducing compound placed proximate to, separate from, and interspersed about the gas generant composition within said gas generator, wherein said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium salts, amides, imides, and amine-containing compounds.

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28. (new) The vehicle occupant restraint system of claim 27 wherein the gas generant composition is a nonazide gas generant composition and the selective non-catalytic reducing compound is ammonium sulfate.
29. (new) A vehicle occupant restraint system comprising:
an inflatable air bag;
a gas generator for inflating said air bag;
a nonazide gas generant composition within said gas generator;
a selective non-catalytic reducing compound placed proximate to, separate from, and interspersed about the gas generant composition within said gas generator, wherein said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium salts, amides, imides, and amine-containing compounds.
30. (new) The vehicle occupant restraint system of claim 29 wherein said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is ammonium sulfate.
31. (new) A vehicle occupant restraint system comprising:
an inflatable air bag;
a gas generator for inflating said air bag;
a gas generant composition located within said gas generator; and
a selective non-catalytic reducing compound placed proximate to and interspersed about said gas generant composition, wherein said selective non-catalytic reducing compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium salts and amine compounds.
32. (new) The vehicle occupant restraint system of claim 31 wherein said gas